

ND ETC Quarterly Meeting  
August 12, 2013  
Regional Technology Center, Valley City

<b>Present:</b>	Wayne Kutzer	Debby Marshall	Craig Nansen	Mike Ressler	Steve Snow
<b>Absent:</b>	Kirsten Baesler	Amy Benz	Tom Eberle	Lisa Feldner	Lawrence King
<b>Staff:</b>	Darin King	Jody French	Alan Peterson	Cory Steiner	Deborah Janzen

Debby called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

Mike Ressler, Interim ITD CIO, was introduced. He is the ETC member from ITD.

Approval of Agenda

Craig Nansen moved to approve the agenda tabling the Other Business, Election of Officers until the next meeting. Wayne Kutzer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Steve Snow moved to approve the consent agenda as sent. Mike Ressler seconded the motion which was passed unanimously

Council, Staff and Linkage Reports

Darin requested Council members share what is going on with their represented organization.

CTE received a grant from the legislature to offer welding, auto tech or construction via distance education. The grant was awarded to North Valley CTE to offer welding.

NDATL Face-to-face for October 7-8 in Minot.

DPI shifting its focus from a regulatory department to a service provider. A new program has been established, Academic Standards, to provide curriculum support. Ryan Townsend is director of the Academic Standards Program.

SLDS project has spent nearly all of the 2009 grant money. The next SLDS initiatives will be paid for with the 2012 grant money. The Data Policy Council is developing a plan to move from grant to local funding. The next year, 2014, the Data Policy Council will be writing the process and procedures for data governance.

STARS is open for the 2013-14 school year. PowerSchool data is uploaded to STARS.

ITD was mandated to study a number of issues regarding streamlining state services. Disaster Recovery for PowerSchool is scheduled to come on line in August 31, 2013.

## New Business

### *2013-15 Budget Review*

#### ETC

Darin described 13-15 funding specifically dealing with the grant funding, Classroom Transformation Grants, Video Classroom Grant as matching for the RUS Grant, and Tech Readiness Grants.

#### CDE

The legislature allocated an additional \$1.3 million to subsidize course costs to North Dakota students. Al described the impact of the budget on the course costs for ND students. More teachers will be hired to serve students.

#### EduTech

EduTech received \$8 million which is divided into three segments: EduTech traditional services with 17 employees, EduTech PowerSchool services with 10 employees, and the ITD PowerSchool services with 4 employees and servers and licensing costs. The requested budget was the same amount for 2013 as it was for 2011. EduTech also carries over monies used for special projects. These funds were used for disaster recovery implementation in 2012-13.

#### RUS Grant

The RUS grant provided funding in 2-13 to replace 45 codecs in the

- Central Dakota Telecommunications Consortium,
- Great Western Network,
- Heart of the Valley Interactive Television
- North Central Distance Learning
- Northeast Education Service Cooperative
- Northern Red River Valley Interactive Television Consortium

ETC submitted another RUS Grant application for 2013-14 to replace approximately 30 codecs and cameras in

- Central Dakota Telecommunications Consortium,
- Great Northwest Education Cooperative
- Great Western Network
- Greater Southeast Interactive Television

- Heart of the Valley Interactive Television,
- North Central Distance Learning,
- Northeast Education Service Cooperative
- Northern Red River Valley Interactive Television Consortium

ETC anticipates hearing about this funding in early 2014.

### Overview of the Retreat

The purpose of the retreat is to listen to the Council's ideas for projects that should be implemented in the next few years. The staff members will gather the Council's input in the form of a plan draft for 2014 and 2015.

### Policy Reviews

#### GP-8/8E: Biennial Agenda Planning

The Council can use the Council, Staff and Linkage Report section to share information from the different agencies represented in the Council. Training and orientation for the newer members will be provided.

Wayne Kutzer moved to affirm the policy. Steve Snow seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### R-1 System Improvement

Active Directory project continues to move forward.

SLDS can produce remediation reports using the last two years of NWEA and NDSA test results predicting which students may need remedial help in college.

Twenty agriculture courses were added to the CDE curriculum by working with the Nelson Academy of Agricultural Science. 76 courses were updated over the summer. Three graduate courses have been developed and approved for use to help teachers gain skills in new technologies

EduTech staff members presented workshops on Office 365 and Active Directory for technical leaders. New ITS staff members were hired for the SW and NW areas.

#### R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology System

All Technology plans are yet to be approved.

The CDE system will be opened for public viewing to check on the 7 key performance levels achieved by the Center.

TRT contacts will be expanded to support the process of preparing schools for the online testing.

EduTech and ETC continue to research filtering solutions. The goal is to implement the new filter during the 14-15 school year.

### R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum

ND CDE teaches graduate level courses PD for Working Teachers and Best Practices for Teaching Online.

### R-4 Professional Development

20 school districts have signed up for the SEED pilot project. Cory is working with schools in using SLDS data in a way that is sustainable, practical and usable. Cory provides practical ways to impact student achievement. The EduTech ITS staff will attend SEED training.

### R-5 System Integrity and Stability

The EduTech website was redesigned.

### Debriefing

Four responses were received. All indicated that the meeting was satisfactory. One comment: “good addition is the member updates at the beginning of the meeting.”

### Set Date and Time of Next Meetings

Policy Review Meeting 11/1/13 10:00 am via ITV

Regular Quarterly Meeting 11/1/13 12:00 pm via ITV

Debby adjourned the meeting at 5:50 pm